

G.O.S.A. MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Bill Prowant, First Vice President Kevin Koski, Second Vice President Kurt Otterbacher, Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne McCarty, Trustees: Tony Albanese, Stan Connell, Travis Downs, David Drake, Dave Gallapoo, Matt Gallapoo, Doug Guinsler, Andy Pocock, and Bill Sterling.

GUESTS PRESENT: Michael Albanese

President Bill Prowant called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and board members and guest were welcomed. Various items of correspondence were shared including several thank you notes received for awards and scholarships.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Kevin Koski and seconded by Matt Gallapoo. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was given and approved with a motion made by Dave Gallapoo and seconded by Kurt Otterbacher. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Details for the Fall Roundup were finalized.

The Extravaganza committee reported that they would meet with the O.F.M.A. committee within the week to work on the details for the Extravaganza event. The committee will also take care of planning the membership appreciation night.

Kevin Koski reported that he will meet with I.A.F.E. representatives while at their convention in Las Vegas to see how we can assist them and become involved in their organization.

NEW BUSINESS:

The ride license fee increase going into effect in 2006 that was passed as part of the biennial budget bill was discussed. Geary Bates is seeking support to look into the strength of section 1711.58 of the Ohio Revised Code that states that the governor "shall include in the budget a special purpose appropriation from the general revenue fund for the purpose of supplementing the funding available from the amusement ride inspection fund." At this point the inquiry would be to determine whether or not this section of the Revised Code is substantial enough to make a case. The possibility of checking with the Attorney General for an opinion on this was mentioned. We will attempt to gain the support of the owners of other ride companies that have licenses in the state of Ohio.

Other important issues that the organization needs to take a position on including the forced sale of 20 oz. bottles of pop and prepayment of privileges at fairs were discussed.

Several ideas concerning ways to communicate with fairs on the requirement of deposits and prepayment of privileges were expressed. Both of these issues will be explored and discussed in further detail at future meetings.

Possible recipients of our Outstanding Festival Award were discussed. It was decided that no award would be given at this time. The Ohio Festivals and Events Association will be contacted to assist in determining criteria and suggestions for a recipient for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Membership Committee-**Suzanne McCarty reported that our members have purchased 5,419 gallons of Pepsi products through our discount program so far this year. The possibility of starting employee memberships was again discussed. The membership committee will develop a plan for this to be offered. The following new memberships were submitted for approval: Bo and Jennifer Ramsey , Dan Morlock, Harvey and Telena Bevins, Ron and Pat Wolf (Lobo's Pasta), and Shelby County Agricultural Society. A motion to approve all of the above as new members was made by Doug Guinsler and seconded by David Drake. Motion carried.
- B. Roundup Committee-**Discussed earlier.
- C. Yearbook Committee-**Chairman Doug Guinsler apologized for and explained the lateness of the yearbook. The importance of adhering to the established membership deadline was discussed.
- D. Ride Safety Committee-**Nothing reported.
- E. Newsletter Committee-**Kurt Otterbacher reported that the next newsletter will be out within the next couple of weeks.
- F. Scholarship Committee-**Doug Guinsler will provide a full report at the next meeting.
- G. Games Committee-**It was reported that only 10 games complaint forms were returned to O.D.A. from fairs and nothing was reported on buildups. The forms will be provided to fairs again next year.
- H. Health & Sanitation Committee-**Nothing reported.
- I. Website Committee-**Suzanne McCarty reported that she has been working on the new website. Several suggestions for content were given.
- J. Joint Membership Committee-**A brief discussion was held on ways to increase membership.

K. Convention Committee-Reported earlier.

L. Sponsorship Committee-A discussion was held on sponsors for the Tuesday evening Membership Appreciation Night at the convention. All board members are required to get at least two sponsorships for the event.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Connell and seconded by Tony Albanese. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.